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1. Pursuant to applicants' request filed on July 3, 2003, action by the Office is suspended on this application under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of **TWO MONTHS**. At the end of this period, applicants are required to notify the examiner and request continuance of prosecution or a further suspension. See MPEP § 709.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Chiesa whose telephone number is (703) 308-3791.

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